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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE IN REFTEL US, UK, FRG AND FRENCH EMBASSIES IN KABUL CONSULTED INFORMALLY AS TO ATTENDANCE AT RUSSIAN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE "HEROIC DEFEAT OF HITLER FASCISM" ON MAY 7. AT RECOMMENDATION OF FRG AMBASSADOR, IT WAS AGREED THAT UK, US, AND FRENCH WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT DCM LEVEL. FRG DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND. JAPANESE, TURKISH AND ITALIAN EMBASSIES DID NOT ATTEND.

- 2. RECEPTION CHARACTERIZED BY USUAL PONDEROUS RUSSIAN HOSPITALITY WITH LOCAL SOVIET TYPES IN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY AMONG GUESTS. AFGHANS REPRESENTED BY PRESIDENT'S BROTHER NAIM, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH, COMMERCE MINISTER AJLLABAR AND MOST OF TOP MILITARY BRASS--HAIDER, MOSTAGHNI AND AZIM.
- 3. ENTRANCE HALL HAD EXHIBIT FEATURING PICTURES OF WORLD WAR II. MOST CONCERNED ACTION ON RUSSIAN FRONT BUT ONE PICTURE SHOWED ROOSEVELT, STALIN AND CHURCHILL CONFERRING. ANOHER SHOWED A GROUP OF US GI'S IN BATTLE ACTION CONFIDENTIAL

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